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PATENT

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In re Application of:
Wang et al.

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For: DNA FRAGMENTATION FACTOR
INVOLVED IN APOPTOSIS

Group Art Unit: 1652

Examiner: Moore, William W.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED AUGUST 27, 2002

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Commissioner:

This paper is submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 27, 2002 for which the date for response was September 27, 2002.

A request for a five-month extension of time to respond is included herewith along with the required fee. This extension will bring the due date to February 27, 2003, which is within the six-month statutory period. Should such request or fee be deficient or absent, consider this paragraph such a request and authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 from Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. Account No.: 50-1212/UTSD:546.

In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 111-116, *i.e.*, the Group IV claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3081 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

Respectfully submitted,



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